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## 2015 SENATE BILL 25

February 6, 2015 – Introduced by Senator BEWLEY, cosponsored by Representative MEYERS. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 59.692 (1p) of the statutes; **relating to:** the authority of a  
2             county to zone shorelands in a town that is located entirely on an island and  
3             authorized to exercise village powers.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a county must enact a shoreland zoning ordinance for all shorelands in its unincorporated area. Current law defines a shoreland to be an area within a certain distance from the edge of a navigable water. Under this bill, a county may not enact an ordinance zoning shorelands in a town that is located entirely on an island and authorized to exercise village powers and may not enforce an existing ordinance zoning shorelands in such a town.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 59.692 (1p) of the statutes is created to read:  
5             59.692 (1p) (a) A county may not enact an ordinance zoning shorelands in a  
6             town that is located entirely on an island and authorized to exercise village powers  
7             under s. 60.22 (3).

(b) If a county has in effect on the effective date of this paragraph .... [LRB inserts date], an ordinance that is inconsistent with par. (a), the ordinance does not apply and may not be enforced to the extent of the inconsistency.

4 (END)